

hockey history. That is an impressive feat, one of which he, his family and the MSU community are proud. Ron spent 36 years as a college hockey head coach, 23 of which were behind the bench at Michigan State University. During his stellar career, he amassed 924 total wins and a record of 635-270-69 as head coach of the Spartans. Ron guided the Spartans to 17 CCHA regular season and playoff titles, and 23 appearances in the NCAA tournament, which stands as an all-time record. In 1986, he led the Spartans to their second NCAA Hockey National Championship in the school's history, and in 1972, he won a NAIA Championship as head coach of Lake Superior State University.

After retiring as head coach of the Spartans, Ron accepted the job of athletic director at Michigan State, where he would continue to make important contributions to the success of the 25-sport athletic department. Under his watch, the university won 11 conference championships and one national championship. Fittingly, the national championship was won by the ice hockey team, the program's third NCAA national championship. Ron's legacy as athletic director also includes the many contributions he has made in the lives of student-athletes at MSU off the field. These efforts include the PACT initiative which has enabled more than 300 student-athletes to participate in community outreach efforts, the establishment of the Student-Athlete Multicultural Center which provides leadership training to student-athletes, and his highly successful fundraising efforts for the athletic department.

One of the great privileges of coaching and working on the collegiate level is the impact an individual can have in shaping the lives of young men and women. Ron Mason accepted this responsibility and flourished. In the process, he has become an important figure in MSU's rich athletic tradition.

Ron's retirement will be aptly marked by a celebration on Thursday, June 12 at MSU. We know our Senate colleagues join us in paying tribute to Ron Mason on his many accomplishments over the years and wish him and his family the very best in their future endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALFRED WAGONER LOVELESS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Alfred Wagoner Loveless, a tireless and dedicated community leader. Alfred was committed to serving the needs of his community and served in various positions throughout his adult life in Saginaw. His contributions were many, and he will be missed by those whose lives he touched.

Alfred Wagoner Loveless was born in Detroit, MI, on March 9, 1931, to Claude and Jesse Starr Loveless and moved shortly thereafter to Saginaw. He is a

graduate of Saginaw High School. During his years at Saginaw High, he excelled athletically and would ultimately set several school records in track and field. After his high school years, Alfred attended Bay City Junior College and Bishop College.

Alfred Wagoner Loveless was a man of great faith who was devoted to his family and to his community, and he received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his life as a result of his work. His community efforts focused on eradicating poverty, sickle cell prevention, along with promoting self-determination and self-sufficiency. Alfred is mourned by his family, the members of Zion Baptist Church, and many in the greater Saginaw community. Alfred is survived by his wife Gloria Hill Loveless and his son, Wagoner T. Loveless, in addition to a large extended family.

This is, indeed, a great loss to all who knew him or for those who have benefited from his work. I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to the life and work of Alfred Wagoner Loveless. I am sure his family takes comfort in knowing that his legacy will be remembered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING WILLIAM T. "BILL" McLAUGHLIN

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I wish today to honor Bill McLaughlin, a man as renowned for his vision and leadership as for his soft touch and utter humanity. Bill passed away on May 30, 2008, but his legacy will live on for generations. Many remember Bill as a man who turned the city of Wilmington into one of the financial capitals of the world—I prefer to honor him as the truly decent, caring, and visionary gentleman whom I have admired for my entire career.

To summarize Bill McLaughlin's life in a few words is beyond my capabilities. It is impossible for me to speak of this brother, father, and grandfather in terms of his well-documented public accomplishments. To me, Bill McLaughlin was a friend, and a man.

As Shakespeare wrote, "His life was gentle, and the elements / So mixed in him that Nature might stand up / And say to all the world, / This was a man!"

Bill McLaughlin was a man. As we Irish say when we want to pay the highest compliment: Bill McLaughlin was a good man.

Bill was, at his core, a family man. He viewed everything through the prism of family. And he was a great city leader because he loved the city of Wilmington. On any given Sunday, you were as likely to see him at an African-American church as you were at Catholic mass.

Of all Bill's wonderful qualities, perhaps the most unique—and most useful—was his style of leadership. He had the insight to know what had to be

done and the wisdom to make other people think it was their idea.

He was one of the last men and women of the "greatest generation," recognizing that the values he was raised with—honor, decency, humility and sacrifice—were universal values that defined who we are as a nation. He used those ideals as his guidance, which is why Bill's courageous decisions as an elected official were both profound and simple for him. They were not difficult for him because they were obvious to him; Bill always knew his true north.

Bill McLaughlin was a model for all of us, not just elected officials. He lived his life, from beginning to end, by the same guiding principles upon which our Nation is built. Bill will be sorely missed, but as long as we remember his lessons, the world will be better off. As Yeats wrote in "The Lake Isle of Innisfree:"

I will arise and go now, for always night and day

I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;

While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,

I hear it in the deep heart's core.●

HONORING DR. DONALD F. AVERILL

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Donald F. Averill as he retires after almost 50 years of service in education.

This month, Dr. Donald Averill will retire as chancellor of the San Bernardino Community College District, SBCCD. Prior to joining SBCCD, Dr. Averill served as the CEO of Palo Verde College. Dr. Averill more than doubled the enrollment of full-time students to provide increased educational opportunities throughout the region. His leadership enabled physical and economic growth of academic infrastructure and enabled Palo Verde College to earn accreditation. During his tenure as the CEO for the San Bernardino Community College District, he greatly improved the economic capacities of the district and increased cooperation between colleges and secondary institutions, increasing enrollment in the region by 45 percent.

Throughout his 47 years of service and commitment to improvements in education, Dr. Donald Averill provided leadership both in California higher education and in the San Bernardino community. He served as chairman of the Economic and Workforce Development Advisory Committee to the California Community College Board of Governors for 2 years and chaired the Human Resources Commission of the Association of California Community College Administrators for 5 years. He served the city of La Habra, CA, as a planning commissioner for 12 years. Dr. Averill has also served as president of the American Heart Association in Glendale, CA.